Saturday evening.

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My dear friends, Quincy and Wright.

My worthy friend, Nathaniel Merriam, of Worcester County, has just made another visit to this city, chiefly to see some of the friends of moral and religious reform on various scriptural topics. I am sorry that I happen to be so situated as to time, that I cannot devote an hour to him; but, that his visit might not be in vain, I have taken upon me the liberty to send him to Quincy, to spend the Sabbath with you. He is somewhat apprehensive that we non-resistants are not inculcating our principles exactly in the right manner, as respects our language towards government, &c., and has some thoughts to offer upon that

subject. He is a man of strong, original mind, one who has searched the Scriptures with a great deal of attention, and perhaps with no inconsiderable success. I think you will be benefitted by a free interchange of sentiments — for, as iron sharpeneth iron, so does the face of a man his friend. Let us seek the truth with all diligence, and ever rejoice in it, that the Author of it may be glorified, and our highest good secured.

Yours, lovingly,

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

N. B. Perhaps friend Merriam may wish to tarry until Monday morning. If so, could you make it convenient to accommodate him?

Edmund Quincy,

Quincy, Mass.

To introduce Prof. Merriam.

Wm J. Garrison —
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